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E.O. 11652:
TAGS:
SUBJECT: MALTA: ERTS DATA RECEIVING STATION

REF: EMBASSY'S 0072

1. POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING ERTS DATA RECEIVING STATION IN MALTA DEPENDS GREATLY ON DEGREE OF INTEREST IN MALTA AND FAO AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FOR SUCH A PROJECT (FUNDING WOULD HAVE TO BE ARRANGED BY MALTA AND/OR FAO).

2. DR. HOWARD'S MEETING WITH NASA DID TAKE PLACE AS REPORTED BY G.W. FORD, THE FAO ADVISER. NASA'S REACTION AT THIS STAGE IS THAT THIS IS AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (APPROXIMATELY 14 COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ERTS GROUND STATIONS) WHICH NASA CANNOT YET CONSIDER SERIOUS IN THAT IT HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATION FROM THE MALTESE GOVERNMENT. ALSO, NASA DOUBTS IF GOM AWARE THAT: (1) STATION WOULD COST ON THE ORDER OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS CAPITAL OUTLAY WITH SIZEABLE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET;(2) ERTS IS AN EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS MADE NO COMMITMENT TO CONDUCT AN OPERATIONAL PROGRAM AFTER THE SECOND SATELLITE, ERTS-B, IS LAUNCHED IN ABOUT EARLY 1975 AND;(3) ITALY (TELESPAZIO) IS PROCEEDING WITH AN ERTS GROUND STATION THAT WILL COVER AN AREA VERY SIMILAR
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TO THAT OF A MALTESE STATION.

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3. FROM NASA'S STANDPOINT, ACTION IS ENTIRELY ON FAO AND MALTA
TO INDICATE WHETHER THEY DESIRE TO FOLLOW-UP INITIAL CONTACT.
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